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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5866

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"AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNET DATING SAFETY."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) As used in this
4 section:

5 (1) "Internet dating service" means a person engaged in the business
6 of offering or providing access to dating, relationship, compatibility or
7 matrimonial matching services to members on or through the Internet;

8 (2) "Internet service provider" means a person who provides any
9 other person in this state with the ability to connect to the Internet
10 through equipment that is located in this state;

11 (3) "Member" means a person who submits information to an
12 Internet dating service required to access dating, relationship,

13 compatibility or matrimonial matching services; and

14 (4) "Connecticut member" means a member who provides a
15 Connecticut billing address or zip code when registering with an
16 Internet dating service.

17 (b) An Internet dating service offering services to Connecticut
18 members shall provide to such members a safety awareness
19 notification that includes a list and description of safety measures
20 reasonably designed to increase awareness of safer dating practices in
21 a clear and conspicuous manner. Such notification shall include, but
22 not be limited to, the following statements or substantially similar
23 statements: (1) "There is no substitute for acting with caution when
24 communicating with any stranger who wants to meet you."; (2) "Never
25 include your last name, electronic mail address, home address,
26 telephone number, place of work or any other identifying information
27 in your Internet profile or initial electronic mail messages. Stop
28 communicating with anyone who pressures you for personal or
29 financial information or attempts in any way to trick you into
30 revealing it."; and (3) "If you choose to have a face-to-face meeting with
31 another member, always tell someone in your family or a friend where
32 you are going and when you will return. Never agree to be picked up
33 at your home. Always provide your own transportation to and from
34 your date and meet in a public place with many people around." Such
35 notification shall be given at the time a Connecticut member registers
36 with the service and by way of a link on the main web site, or the first
37 entry point, of the Internet dating service.

38 (c) A violation of the provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall
39 be deemed an unfair trade or deceptive practice under subsection (a)
40 of section 42-110b of the general statutes.

41 (d) An Internet service provider does not violate this section solely
42 as a result of serving as an intermediary for the transmission of
43 communications between members of an Internet dating service."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
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